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# Ice follows the snow

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The heavy snow that we predicted yesterday has affected much of the country. More snow is expected through today, with severe frost and ice becoming the main hazards for most areas from this evening.

Bob Wilderspin, Met Office Chief Forecaster, says: “5 to 10 cm of fresh snow will fall across north-east Scotland and north-east England, and also from the Midlands southwards, including south-east Wales today. Tonight will be mostly dry, however lows of -8 °C will lead to very icy conditions in all parts.”

Our forecasters and advisors are working closely with local authorities, Government and road agencies to ensure the country is prepared for the effects of the freezing weather.

The road agencies and councils are working flat out to keep the roads open and safe to use. However, it is very important to drive carefully and appropriately to the conditions, and even when roads are treated and appear ice- and snow-free, they should be negotiated with care.

The freezing conditions are forecast to continue until the middle of the month with further snowfall expected, especially in the south and east.

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